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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1-26. (cancelled)
  - 27. (new) An isolated polynucleotide comprising:
    - (a) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide having transcriptional repressor activity, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of at least 85% sequence identity when compared to SEQ ID NO:32, based on the Clustal method of alignment with pairwise alignment default parameters of KTUPLE=1, GAP PENALTY=3, WINDOW=5 and DIAGONALS SAVED=5; or
    - (b) a complement of the nucleotide sequence of (a), wherein the complement and the nucleotide sequence consist of the same number of nucleotides and are 100% complementary.
- 28. (new) The polynucleotide of Claim 27, wherein the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide has at least 90% sequence identity when compared to SEQ ID NO:32, based on the Clustal method of alignment with the pairwise alignment default parameters.
- 29. (new) The polynucleotide of Claim 27, wherein the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide has at least 95% sequence identity when compared to SEQ ID NO:32, based on the Clustal method of alignment with the pairwise alignment default parameters.
- 30. (new) The polynucleotide of Clalm 27, wherein the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide comprises SEQ ID NO:32.
- 31. (new) The polynucleotide of Claim 27 wherein the nucleotide sequence comprises SEQ ID NO:31.
  - 32. (new) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of Claim 27.
- 33. (new) A recombinant DNA construct comprising the polynucleotide of Claim 27 operably linked to at least one regulatory sequence.
- 34. (new) A method for transforming a cell, comprising transforming a cell with the polynucleotide of Claim 27.
  - 35. (new) A cell comprising the recombinant DNA construct of Claim 33.

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- 36. (new) A method for producing a transgenic plant comprising transforming a plant cell with the polynucleotide of Claim 27 and regenerating a transgenic plant from the transformed plant cell.
  - 37. (new) A plant comprising the recombinant DNA construct of Claim 33.
  - 38. (new) A seed comprising the recombinant DNA construct of Claim 33.
- 39. (new) A method for isolating a polypeptide encoded by the polynucleotide of claim 27 comprising isolating the polypeptide from a cell containing a recombinant DNA construct comprising the polynucleotide operably linked to at least one regulatory sequence, wherein the recombinant DNA construct is expressed in the cell.